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## BEETLE TALK

The Ross H. Arnett, Jr., Coleoptera collection (excluding Oedemeridae) was recently obtained by the Florida State Collection of Arthropods [FSCA], housed at the division of Plant Industry, Florida Department of Agriculture, P. O. Box 1269, Gainesville, Florida 32601. Requests for loans or returns of borrowed material should be sent to Dr. R. E. Woodruff at this address.

This valuable collection consists of approximately 60,000 specimens housed in 192 California Academy of Science type drawers and arranged in unit pinning trays. It will be gradually incorporated into the existing FSCA beetle collection. It is exceptionally rich in higher categories (i.e. families and genera). About 3,500 identified species are represented. Geographic areas well represented include southern Arizona, northeastern U.S. (particularly New York, Maryland, Virginia, and Indiana), Oklahoma, Ecuador and Galapagos Islands, and some of the West Indies. The private collections of J. Cottle (mainly California), J. N. Belkin, J. G. Franclemont, and E. D. McDonald are included. (R. E. Woodruff).